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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YOON ET AL.

Examiner

Karabi Guharay

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment, filed on 10 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 21-35, 37 and 39-41 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20, 36 and 38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 July 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Response to Amendment

Amendment, filed on 10 July 2006 has been considered and entered.

Amendment of Abstract is acknowledged and approved.

Amendments of drawing and specification are acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 8-11, 14-18, 36 & 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Umera et al. (US 6239547).

Regarding claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 14-16, 18 & 36, Umera et al. disclose an electron emission source (see Fig 3) comprising plurality of carbon-based composite particle (406 of Fig 4 and 710 of fig 7C & 7E) and the carbon-based composite comprising a particle (703) comprising silver and a carbon-based material (704) which are carbon nanotubes (lines 18-32 of column 12), which is partially embedded and partially protrudes from the surface of the particle (Figs 7C-7E, lines 49-58 of column 12).

Regarding claims 4, 11 & 17, Umera et al. disclose that the carbon-based material occupies at least 30% of the entire surface area of the composite particle (see Fig 7A-Fig 7F).

Regarding claim 38, examiner notes that the claim limitation of electron emission source is prepared by print coating the composition" is drawn to a process of manufacturing, which is incidental to the claimed apparatus.

Even though product by process claims are limited by and defined by the process, determination of patentability is based on the product. It is well established that a claimed apparatus cannot be distinguished over the prior art structure by a process limitation. Consequently, absent a showing of an unobvious difference between the claimed product and the prior art, the subject process limitation is not afforded patentable weight (see MPEP 2113).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6-7, 12-13, & 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Umera et al. as applied in claim 1.

Regarding claims 6-7, 12-13 & 19-20, Umera et al. discloses a composite particle wherein carbon based materials are protruding from the surface thus causing a surface roughness, silent about the range of roughness of the composite particle.

However, however, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have surface roughness in the range of 10 armstrong to 10 micron, since it has been held that where the general conditions of a

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claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges

involves only routine skill in the art. ***MPEP 2144.05 II A***

Response to Arguments

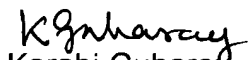
Applicant's arguments, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-20 & 36,38 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made above.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karabi Guharay whose telephone number is 571-272-2452. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimeshkumar D. Patel can be reached on 571-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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